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Elmer Chocolate Acquired by Florida-based Group

By RYLEY PEREZ • Tangi Times A.C.E.

Photo from elmerchocolate.com

Elmer Chocolate, the iconic Ponchatoula-based confectionery company beloved for its seasonal treats, has officially joined forces with the Hoffmann Family of Companies, a Florida-based private equity firm. The acquisition, announced on August 5, marks a significant new chapter for one of America's most cherished candy brands, with plans to grow beyond its traditional holiday-focused offerings.

The company began 170 years ago in New Orleans by a pastry chef named Christopher Henry Miller. It has since grown from humble beginnings into a nationally recognized leader in chocolates and confections.

Famous for its heart-shaped chocolate boxes sold during Valentine's Day, the company distributes more than 40 million of these seasonal assortments each year across North America. It is also a major force in Easter confections, including the nostalgic Gold Brick Eggs, Heavenly Hash Eggs, and Pecan Eggs, which have long been a Gulf South tradition, delighting generations of families. Lesser known are a line of Christmas chocolates and a Gold Brick ice cream topping.

Despite the acquisition, Elmer Chocolate will retain its operational independence and leadership structure. Third-generation family members Rob and Michael Nelson will continue to helm the company, with Rob serving as president and CEO, and Michael as president and COO. The Nelson family will also maintain partial ownership.

In a statement, Rob Nelson emphasized that the partnership with Hoffmann is about growth without compromise, elaborating that they will preserve their heritage and quality while innovating and expanding into year-round offerings rather than a primarily seasonal emphasis.

Hoffmann Family of Companies, a family-owned investment group, manages a diverse portfolio of more than 120 businesses across 30 countries. With operations in sectors ranging from manufacturing and agriculture to real estate, hospitality, and transportation, the firm employs over 17,000 people globally.

The acquisition of Elmer Chocolate aligns with Hoffmann's strategy of supporting high-performing, family-operated companies poised for expansion.

Geoff Hoffmann, co-CEO of the Hoffmann Family of

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Hammond's Hottest Day - Hot August Stroll

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

If you're looking for a reason to shake off the dog days of summer and stroll through the heart of Hammond, mark your calendar for Saturday, August 23, because the 28th annual Hot August Stroll is ready to turn up the heat in all the best ways. Since 1995, this free all-day celebration has been the highlight of summer for locals and visitors alike, blending hometown charm with a big helping of local art, music, and that unmistakable downtown Hammond vibe.

Downtown Hammond's historic streets will come alive with specials and sales at more than 50 local shops – meaning you can snag something unique while feeling pretty good about supporting the folks who make this town tick. Early birds can wander the Farmers & Artisans Market at Railroad Park from 8am to noon, where you're bound to find everything from fresh produce to handmade treasures.

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DOWNTOWN HAMMOND, LA
HOT AUGUST STROLL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025
EAT. SHOP. PLAY. ALL DAY.

If your soundtrack for the day is missing a few tunes, don't worry – the Listening Local Stage will keep the good vibes rolling from morning till evening, featuring plenty of homegrown talent that proves just how musical this town can be. And if you're craving a bit of calm before diving back into the crowd, there's even yoga in the park at 9am – so bring your mat, stretch it out, and then reward your inner yogi with a stroll and a snack.

Families with little ones will want to check out the Kid Zone at the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center between 10 and noon – because the only thing better than shopping local is doing it while the kids burn off some of that summer energy. Later in the day, there's Lionpawlooza from 3-4pm.

And if all that walking and browsing makes you thirsty, the Wine & Cheese Stroll is ready to save the day – check in at Railroad Park between 4 and 8pm and sip your way through downtown with style. Live music fans can wrap up their evening with performances by Phaze Band at 4:30 and J & the Causeways at 6, closing out the night on the best note possible.

So, grab your friends, pack your reusable shopping bag, and get ready to eat, shop, play, and sway all day long.

Today is National Sneak Some Zucchini into Your Neighbor's Porch Day!

It's so random, but you know you want to do it.

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Weekend Weather

Saturday 8/9	Sunday 8/10
91 15%	89 49%
73 16%	74 24%

From The Tangi Times Weekend Weather Team

Bob Brick

Margaret Oar

meme WARRIOR

Wife: the can opener is broken.

Me: You mean it's a can't opener?

Wife: I can't believe I married you.

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Challenge

Can you cite the movie that featured this memorable quote? Email the answer to publisher@tangitimes.com.

"Badges?
We don't need no stinking badges!"

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Congratulations to Mike Smith for being the first to correctly identify last week's challenge from Vacation!

Safety Tip of the Day

PERSONAL SAFETY

Never be isolated with a stranger.
The moment you're isolated, you become vulnerable.
Pedators want no chaos, isolation, control, privacy and no witnesses. So if anyone tries to get you isolated, by pulling you aside, wanting to talk in the back stairwell, or outside becuase it more 'quiet', DON'T GO. Even is they ask for help.

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Friday August 1- Thursday August 28
5 pm – 8 pm
Opening Reception of Degas Pastel Society Members Exhibition
Hammond Regional Arts Center
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Wednesday August 6
5:30
TPSO Gun Safety Presentation
(Pre K- 5th Grade)
P.A.R.D.
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula

Saturday August 9
6:30 – 9:30 pm
Chillin' with The Chamber 2025
Chappapeela Sports Complex
19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond

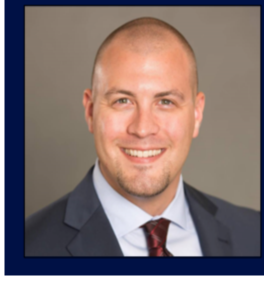
Saturday August 9
5:30 – 9:30
Ancient Order of Hibernians Auction
Ponchatoula Lions Club
750 E Pine St., Ponchatoula

Thursday August 14
5:30 pm
Ponchatoula Chamber After Hours
Ponchatoula Kiwanis
300 N. 6th St., Ponchatoula

Thursday August 14
6:30
Wine Bingo
Crescent Lounge
120 W. Pine St., Ponchatoula

Saturday August 23
8am – all day and evening
Hot August Stroll 2025
Downtown Hammond

Friday August 29
7 pm
Learn to Rumba
Twin Steeples Creative Arts Center
220 East Oak St., Ponchatoula



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As we are exceptional in our industry, personal character and work ethic are more valuable to us than work experience.

If you excel in the qualities listed above, please send a résumé and cover letter to hr@tangitimes.com. In your letter, please tell us about your skills that make you a strong candidate for this role. Submissions without a cover letter will not be considered.

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Tangipahoa Parish Council on Aging

Upcoming Lunch Menu

Meals served Monday-Friday at 11:30am at all locations

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meals served M-F 11:30 a.m. at Senior Citizens Centers located in: Kentwood: 218 Ave.F (985) 229-5089 Amite: 113 E. Central Ave.(985)748-7617 Independence: 473 W.RR Ave. (985) 878-4385 Hammond: 207 E. Church St. (985) 345-5000 Ponchatoula: 300 N.Fifth St.(985)386-6061		Each Meal is served with ½ pint of Milk Residents of Tangipahoa Parish 60 years of age and older Donations Accepted		1 Hamburger Chuckwagon Corn Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Hamburger Bun Tropical Fruit Crisp Mustard Ketchup Mayonnaise
4 Baked Meatballs Mushroom Gravy Chantilly Potatoes Green Peas & Carrots Wheat Bread Applesauce Margarine	5 BBQ Riblet Macaroni and Cheese California Vegetables Coleslaw Hamburger Bun Carnival Cookie	6 Ham & Black-eyed Peas Brown Rice Mixed Greens Cornbread Fudge Round Fruit Blend Juice Margarine	7 Chicken Chef Salad Fresh Fruit Saltine Crackers Peanut Butter Cookie Assorted Dressing (2)	8 Salisbury Patty Brown Gravy Whipped Potatoes Green Beans Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit Margarine
11 Frito Pie with 1/2 slice cheese O'Brien Potatoes Green Peas & Carrots Corn Chips Fresh Fruit	12 Red Beans & Sausage Brown Rice Turnip Greens Cornbread Fresh Fruit Apple Juice Margarine	13 Breakfast Sausage or Ham Cheese Grits Spiced Apples Biscuit Oatmeal Creme Pie Cranberry Juice Margarine/Jelly	14 Tuscan Meatballs Whipped Potatoes Green Beans Wheat Bread Sugar Cookie Margarine	15 Chicken Breast Waikiki Sauce Whole Kernel Corn Venetian Vegetables Wheat Bread Fig Bar Margarine

Amite Man Guilty in 2024 Loranger Kidnapping and Murder Case

NEW ORLEANS – Acting U.S. Attorney Michael M. Simpson announced that DANIEL WAYNE CALLIHAN ("CALLIHAN"), age 37, a resident of Amite, Louisiana, pled guilty today before United States District Judge Lance M. Africk to a two-count Superseding Indictment charging him with kidnapping resulting in death, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201(a) (Count One), and transporting a minor in interstate commerce with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2423(a) (Count Two). CALLIHAN was previously charged for his crimes in a federal complaint on June 14, 2024, and has remained in federal custody since that time.

"Today's resolution ensures that Daniel Wayne Callihan, will be held accountable for his heinous and atrocious crimes," stated Acting U.S. Attorney Simpson. "This successful prosecution is the result of the significant collaboration by local, state, and federal agencies across Louisiana and Mississippi. Their collective dedication and hard work ensured that Mr. Callihan will now face justice."

"The FBI is committed to relentlessly pursuing violent predators and our hearts go out to the families of these victims," said Special Agent in Charge Jonathan Tapp of the FBI New Orleans Field Office. "Every law enforcement partner who worked on this case was determined to deliver justice for the Brunett family and the people of Tangipahoa Parish. The FBI thanks the U.S. Marshals Service, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, and the Jackson Police Department for their efforts to make sure Daniel Callihan will never do anything like this again."

According to court documents, on or about June 12, 2024, CALLIHAN was present inside the Loranger, Louisiana residence of Adult Victim 1, who lived with her two daughters, Minor Victim 1 (a four-year-old female) and Minor Victim 2 (a

(See GUILTY Page 5)

Going to Pieces Donates Quilts to PFD

On June 25, 2025, members of local quilt guild Going to Pieces delivered five hand sewn child's quilts to the Ponchatoula Volunteer Fire Department.

Shown (L-R) are Jean Hebert, Carol Jackson, Deputy Chief Byron Willie, Debbie Campo, special guest Cydnie Reyes, and Sue Nelson.

Hammond Kiwanis Welcomes Michelle Kendall as Guest Speaker

Hammond Downtown Development Executive Director Michelle Kendall addressed Hammond Kiwanis at their weekly meeting on Tuesday, August 5. Michelle touted great strides in the city's economic and cultural progress, as evident in almost $2 million in public and private improvements in 2024, volunteer events, aesthetic improvements such as the new gateway welcome sign on Railroad Ave, as well as many upcoming events.

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Hammond Downtown Development Executive Director Michelle Kendall speaks at the Hammond Kiwanis weekly meeting on Tuesday, August 5, at the Mezzanine.

TANGI GUMBO

A little bit of everything you need to know

Edward Paul Louque of Walker has been sentenced to life in prison for the July 2023 murder of 67-year-old Barry Roussel of Ponchatoula. A jury found Louque guilty last month after a swift trial, and he was sentenced on August 4.

During the sentencing, Roussel's daughter, Jenny Roussel Bourgeois, delivered a powerful victim impact statement, condemning Louque's lack of remorse and calling him a "callous, narcissistic man." She spoke of the lasting pain his actions have caused both families and expressed how the graphic trial evidence still haunts her.

Roussel, a family man and friend to many, was fatally shot at the Tourist Information Center in Albany on July 22, 2023. Authorities said Louque and his wife were friends with the victim prior to the killing. Bourgeois, a veteran law enforcement officer, thanked the court and investigators for ensuring justice, saying Louque deserves to spend the rest of his life in prison where he can never harm another family again.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 9, when the Tangipahoa Chamber will announce the lucky winner of its $10,000 grand prize during Chillin' with the Chamber, the organization's signature raffle party presented by First Guaranty Bank. The celebration takes place from 6:30 to 9:30pm at the Chappapeela Sports Park Gymnasium. Tickets are $125 and include admission for two guests, one entry into the $10,000 raffle, and a night full of summer fun — all while supporting the Chamber's mission.

Proceeds from the event help preserve the historic Hammond Train Depot and fund programs that strengthen the local business community. Attendees will enjoy live music from 3rd Street, delicious bites and drinks from Chamber member restaurants, a silent auction, liquor pull, and a photobooth. Guests are encouraged to come dressed in summer casual attire.

Can't make it? No problem — you don't have to be present to win. Second prize is a Large Big Green Egg in a Nest, valued at $1,200 and generously donated by Gabriel Building Supply. Grab your ticket today at www.tangipahoachamber.org and help support local business while taking your shot at $10,000!

Health officials across the Gulf Coast are warning the public after 32 people in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida contracted Vibrio vulnificus—a potentially deadly, flesh-eating bacteria found in warm salt water and raw shellfish—resulting in eight deaths so far this year. The spike is significant compared to the regional average of 13 cases per year over the past decade.

Louisiana has reported 17 cases and four deaths, with most linked to seawater exposure, while Florida has recorded 13 cases and four deaths. Alabama and Mississippi have reported one non-fatal case each.

Vibrio vulnificus can cause necrotizing fasciitis and other severe complications, particularly in those with open wounds or weakened immune systems. Officials urge caution when entering warm coastal waters or consuming raw seafood during the summer months.

POS (PERSON OF SUSPICION) OF THE WEEK

POS Ryan Meador

Detectives with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office began investigating numerous thefts from the Watson Walmart at the end of July 2025. Sheriff Jason Ard says, "Through investigation, we learned - between July 15th & July 25th - one suspect stole more than $2300.00 in collector sports cards (TOPPS and other brand(s) baseball/ football). So, we learned he would 'palm' the UPC barcodes for cheaper items (EXAMPLE: Great Value pasta @ $0.98 and similar items). Essentially, he was scanning the cheaper barcodes in place of the sports item(s)." With the assistance of the Central Police Department and the LSP Fugitive Task Force, Ryan Meador (of Central) was arrested for:

>(1) one count of Felony Theft

>(6) six Misdemeanor cases combined to 1 Felony for aggregate amount

Sheriff says, "Our detectives have been working with partner agencies & Meador could be facing more charges in other jurisdictions."

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Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience

LOCATION: Independence Leadership Academy
Independence, LA

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- Educational Leader Level 1 or Level 2; OR
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- Out of State Principal certificate, Level 1 (OSP1) or Level 2 (OSP2); OR
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POSITION: Early Intervention Special Education Teacher (9 Months)

Age 3 and Prek-12th Grade

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Private and Parochial Schools of Tangipahoa Parish

CRITERIA:

- Must hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with Special Education endorsement as issued by the Louisiana Department of Education and as required by Bulletin 746: *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel.*
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SALARY: $21,757 - $30,431 / $24,714 - $33,812 (Based on verified years of relevant experience, degree and level of certification)

LOCATION: Hammond Eastside Magnet - Lower
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have one of the following requirements:

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POSITION: Curriculum Support Teacher (9 Months)

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Jewel M Sumner Middle School
Kentwood, LA

CRITERIA:

- Must hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate in the assigned teaching field as issued by the Louisiana Department of Education and as required by Bulletin 746: *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*
- A Master's degree issued by an accredited college or university
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POSITION: MAGNET SCHOOL SPECIALIST (9 Month)

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Hammond Eastside Magnet-Lower
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA:

- Must have a valid Louisiana teaching certificate as per the minimum requirements set forth in Bulletin 746: Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel.
- Experience working with IB Schools preferred.

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

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NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 9, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: TALENTED THEATER TEACHER (2 Positions) (9 Month)

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: TBA

CRITERIA: Must hold a valid Louisiana Ancillary Teaching Certificate in Talented Theater or Artist – Drama

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DEADLINE: AUGUST 9, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: CAFETERIA MANAGER – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (9 ½ Months)

SALARY: $32,325 - $46,239 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Champ Cooper Elementary
Ponchatoula, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:

- High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
- Minimum of three (3) years' experience in the Child Nutrition Program with one year serving as a Production Manager;
- Enrolled in Manager's Certification Program. Completion of training program preferred.

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NOTICE

DEADLINE: AUGUST 13, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: SCHOOL SECRETARY (9 months)

SALARY: $21,757 - $30,431 (Based on verified years of relevant experience, degree and level of certification)

LOCATION: Sumner Middle School
Kentwood, LA

CRITERIA: Must have one of the following requirements:

- High School Diploma, Equivalency Certificate and at least two (2) years of experience in accounting or bookkeeping.
- Successful completion of coursework leading to an Associate's Degree in Office Administration, or successfully completed coursework at a State Approved Vocational School or State Approve Business School.
- A Bachelors' degree or higher will be accepted in lieu of the above requirements.
- Diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

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TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOLS
BOARD AGENDA -
Jul 15 2025 Minutes
Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM
Central Office Board Room, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, LA 70422

1. OPENING ITEMS
A.Roll Call
Mr. Jerry Moore was absent.
B. Pledge of Allegiance (All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute) - Tom Tolar
Mr. Piazza led the Pledge of Allegiance.
C.Consider approval to suspend the rules of Policy BCAA, Regular Meetings, to conduct the July 15, 2025 Board meeting at 5:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm - Tom Tolar
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Joey Piazza
Seconded by: Rose Dominguez
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Carried 8-0
D. Consider approval of Board minutes of July 8, 2025
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Glenn Westmoreland
Seconded by: Robin Abrams
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Carried 8-0

2. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS
A. Recognize the outstanding achievement of Glenn Hanna, III who has maintained Perfect Attendance for 13 consecutive years from K-12 - Ron Genco
Mr. Ron Genco, Assistant Superintendent, and Board President Tolar recognized and presented a certificate to Glenn Hanna, III for Perfect Attendance.

3. FINANCIAL UPDATES
A. Discuss the Accounts Payable Check Register dated May 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025 in the amount of $21,869,873.32 - Jeff McKneely
Accounts Payable Check Register - May.pdf
Mr. Jeff McKneely, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Check Register to the Board. There were no questions.
B. Update on the Budget to Actual Comparison Schedule for General Fund through May 31, 2025 - Jeff McKneely
YTD Actual - GF May.pdf
Mr. McKneely presented the May 21, 2025 report.
C. Update on the Budget to Actual Comparison Schedule for All Funds through May 31, 2025 - Jeff McKneely
YTD Actual - All Funds May.pdf
Mr. McKneely presented the May 31, 2025 report.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Finance and Audit Committee - July 8, 2025
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - Jul 08 2025 - Minutes - Html
Motion to amend and adopt, adding additional coverage for all students to be covered during all school activities for an additional $16,385.00
Moved by: Brett Duncan
Seconded by: Joey Piazza
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0
(The official adopted minutes have been placed in the Board Minute Archives and/or for viewing on the TPSS website: https://tangischools.community.highbond.com/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx)
B. Personnel Committee - July 8, 2025
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Jul 08 2025 - Minutes - Html
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Janice Richards
Seconded by: Joey Piazza
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0
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C. Personnel Committee - July 15, 2025
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Rose Dominguez
Seconded by: Robin Abrams
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0
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5. BOARD ACTIONS
A.Consider approval to renew the Garbage Collection contract with AmWaste of Louisiana for the 2025-2026 school year - Daine Carlsen
2025-26 AmWaste Renewal.pdf
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Glenn Westmoreland
Seconded by: Janice Richards
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0
B. Consider approval to amend the 2025-2026 Salary Schedule to include a Perfect Attendance Stipend for school food service workers - Ron Genco
CNP Stipend Schedule.pdf
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Joey Piazza
Seconded by: Rose Dominguez
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0
C. Consider approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with St. James Parish to use Amite Westside School upon the declaration of an emergency - Ron Genco
MOU St. James Parish Government and TPSB.pdf
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Rose Dominguez
Seconded by: Joey Piazza
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0
(The official adopted MOU has been placed in the Board Minute Archives and/or for viewing on the TPSS website: https://tangischools.community.highbond.com/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx)
D. Consider approval of the Electrical Maintenance Services to be awarded to Mark's Electric as the primary service provider and Randy DePaula Electric as the backup service provider - Jeff McKneely
Electrical Maintenance Services RFP - Score Sheet.pdf
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Janice Richards
Seconded by: Brett Duncan
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0
E. Consider approval and adoption of the 2025 Millage Rates - Jeff McKneely
2025 Millage Resolution - Non Roll Forward.pdf
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Glenn Westmoreland
Seconded by: Trent Anthony
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Motion Carries 8-0
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6.SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION
A. General Updates
Mr. Genco informed the Board that Superintendent Melissa Stilley was at an IB Conference.

7. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE
A. Board Member Comments
Mr. Anthony thanked everyone for their understanding concerning the time change for the Board meeting in order to be able to attend the Air Products meeting in Ponchatoula this evening.

8. LITIGATION
A. Motion to enter Executive Session to consider the cases of
Motion to approve.
Moved by: Brett Duncan
Seconded by: Joey Piazza
Yea
Robin Abrams, Trent Anthony, Rose Dominguez, Brett Duncan, Joey Piazza, Janice Richards, Tom Tolar, and Glenn Westmoreland
Carried 8-0
B. Consider the case of Joyce M. Moore vs. TPSB, USDC, Eastern District of Louisiana, No. 65-15556 , Section B(1) - Ashley Bass
There was no action.

9. PUBLIC INPUT
There was no Public Input.

10. Adjournment
A. Adjourn Meeting
There being no other business, the meeting adjourned. (6:09 PM)

Tom Tolar, President
Melissa M. Stilley, Secretary-Treasurer
TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD JULY 15, 2025

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The proposed 2025-2026 General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Debt Service Fund and Capital Projects Fund Budgets of the Tangipahoa Parish School System are available for public inspection starting on August 06, 2025. Copies of the proposed budgets may be obtained at the School System's Central Office, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The public hearing on the proposed 2054-2026 budgets will be held at the Tangipahoa Parish School Board's meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the location indicated above.

MELISSA M. STILLEY
Superintendent

Tangipahoa Parish School System
Total Budgets for All Government Funds FY 2025-2026

The following chart shows the Tangipahoa Parish School System's 2025-2026 Budgeted Revenues, Expenditures, Other Sources/Uses, and Net Changes in Fund Balance for all major fund types.

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Total Revenues	$209,349,573	$88,083,026	$1,584,000	$13,827,000	$312,843,599
Total Expenditures	$217,693,611	$74,121,053	$15,884,420	$10,748,722	$318,447,806
Other Sources of Funds	$19,592,141	$645,787	$0	$32,835,000	$53,072,928
Other Uses of Funds	$3,275,218	$19,607,141	$0	$36,096,966	$58,979,325
Net Changes in Fund Balance	$7,972,885	($4,999,381)	($14,300,420)	($183,688)	($11,510,604)
Beginning Fund Balance	$15,168,139	$38,510,874	$15,919,791	$61,026,842	$130,625,646
Ending Fund Balance	**$23,141,024**	**$33,511,493**	**$1,619,371**	**$60,843,154**	**$119,115,042**

In developing the budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026, the administrative staff followed these major assumptions:

General Fund:

1.) Budget General Fund MFP at $131,857,531, which includes a reduction for local cost allocations due to other LEAS and Child Nutrition's required minimum funding. This MFP Funding Level is $1,638,073 more than the 2024-2025 Revised Budget.
2.) Anticipate that the 2025-2026 first 1-cent sales tax revenues dedicated to the General Fund will increase $8,500,000 compared to the 2024-2025 Revised Budget and the second 1-cent sales tax revenues allocated to the General Fund will also increase $17,515,000 compared to the 2024-2025 Revised Budget.
3.) Budget an increase of $363,212 in Ad Valorem Tax Revenue over 2024-2025 Revised Budget.
4.) Budgeted expenditures include a step raise for all eligible employees.
5.) Budgeted expenditures include an increase in active and retiree health insurance.
6.) Budgeted expenditures include a Teachers Retirement System, School Employees Retirement System, Optional Retirement System, and a Louisiana State Retirement System rate decrease.
7.) General Fund includes an operating transfer of $450,000 for expenditures for Hammond Magnet School sites exceeding the Hammond Magnet tax proceeds.
8.) General Fund budget includes $1,314,240 for Magnet School expenditures for sites other than in the Hammond area.
9.) Use the employer's contribution rates for the Teachers' Retirement System at 20.95% and School Employees Retirement System at 22.0%
10.) Use applicable Workers' Compensation rates of 2.150% or 7.750%.
11.) Use a restricted indirect cost rate of 6.5981% and unrestricted rate of 17.8312%.

Special Revenue Fund:

1.) The Educational Facilities Improvement District (EFID) includes one-half cent sales tax transactions supporting raises to all TPSS employees. Estimated collections and cost of raises are budgeted at $15,625,000. Increases to Salaries and Benefits are reported in the General Fund section.
2.) Various changes to other funds and grants are due to grants ending and new grants being received.

Debt Service Fund:

1.) Budgeted $1.52M for required annual funding on the 2021 Sales Tax Bonds for financing Phase 1 Construction Projects.

Capital Project Fund:

1.) Budgeted $11.0M of second 1-cent Sales Tax proceeds in the Capital Project Fund, which is $2,215,000 than the 2024-2025 Revised Budget.
2.) Established separate Capital Project Funds for each Phase 1 and Phase 2 Construction Projects to record construction costs and related funding transfers from Total Phase 1 Financing Fund.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

St. Helena Fire District #4 Will be accepting bids for surplus equipment listed below. All equipment will be sold in "as is" condition with no expectations or warranties from the department.

1980 Ford L-900 fire truck, bearing VIN F90PVGJ5125, 750 gpm pump, 750 gallon tank. Truck does not run and will have to be trailered from location.

1992 GMC Ferrara Pumper, BEARING vin 1GDP7H1J8NJ502073, 1250 gpm pum, 1,000 gallon tank, truck runs and pumps great. Has all current pump tests. Minimum bid $20,000.00.

2010 Ford F-450 Medium rescue, bearing VIN 1FDAX5HR7AEB25240 4WD, punp&roll with 150 gpm pump and 300 gallon tank. 2 10 gallon foam tanks, newly replaced Foam-Pro system. Automatic transmission, 6.3L Diesel engin that does no crank over. Needs new engine. Minimum bid $20,000.00.

1982 Ford FMC Cab-over fire truck, bearing VIN 1FDYD80USCVA48945, 100 gpm pump, 1000 gallon tank, runs and pumps great, 3208 Cat with Allison transmission. Minimum bid $5,000.00 Burner CAFS, 65 gallon tank with 100 foot hose reel and foam nozzle. High pressure hoses and regulator, self-contained skid-load, 4'x6' diameter.

Rescue 42 TeleCrib Squad Kit, 2 jr struts, 2 long struts, 2 straps, spike foot, cinch ring spare pins and storage bag, TeleCrib strut jack. Purchased new in 2023. Minimum bid $5,000.00.

2007 American LaFrance Pumper, bearing VIN 4S7AU2C967056725, truck comes with a full complement of hose to include hose, nozzles, power tools, and various hand tools, with a minimum bid of $70,000.00

The bids should be closed and secure. Bids can be received at 8352 Highway 37, Greensburg LA. For specific details of item requirements, please contact Chief Graves at 225-610-9163 or via e-mail at sthelenafire4@yahoo.com. The bids will be opened at the Board of Commissioners meeting on August 25, 2025, at 6 p.m. at 8352 Highway 37, Greensburg LA. All bids should be received no later than August 25, 2025, at 4 p.m.

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TANGIPAHOA PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE

Is Hereby Given That The Tangipahoa Parish Council Will Meet In Regular Session on Monday, August 11, 2025 following the Public Hearing at 5:30PM at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, contact number (985)748-3211.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDEMNATION HEARING - 25017 Corban Lane, Amite, LA, Assessment 6118623, District 1

T.P. Ordinance No. 25-20 - An Ordinance to acquire ownership of right of ways for the State Project #H.015014 Stateline Road Bridge over Unnamed Creek Bridge Replacement Project in Kentwood, Louisiana, to authorize the Parish President to sign and execute all necessary documents to provide for the recordation and to provide copies to all involved parties

T.P. Ordinance No. 25-21 - An Ordinance to grant a variance to Section 36-112-Special Classification Property Development Standards, (A)-Mobile/Manufactured Homes Placement Standards for Placement on a Single Lot for Dorothy Bridgewater, Assessment #2686708 in District 8

T.P. Ordinance No. 25-22 - An Ordinance to grant a variance to Section 36-90-Minor Subdivision Standards, (A)(2) Frontage for David Jenkins, Assessment #6210058 in District 4

T.P. Ordinance No. 25-23 - An Ordinance to provide for an Exemption of Parish Government One Cent (1¢) Sales Taxes on purchases of Firearms, Ammunition, and Hunting Supplies during the State of Louisiana Second Amendment Weekend Sales Tax Holiday, September 5-7, 2025

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INPUT will take place in regard to the John Robert "Bobby" Cortez v. TPG, et al, 21st JDC, Tangipahoa Parish, Suit No. 20250001743 lawsuit to execute a proposed settlement agreement that challenged the legality of the Parish Home Rule Charter regarding term limits for Council and Parish President.

The meeting agenda will be posted outside the meeting location and posted online at www.tangipahoa.org on Thursday prior to the meeting date.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
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TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT
UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
AT
10:00 A.M.. IN THE TPC CHAMBERS,
206 E. MULBERRY STREET, AMITE,
LOUISIANA ON THE FOLLOWING:
NEW 2025 OR CURRENT MODEL
FORD TRANSIT T-350 CHASSIS OR
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Obituaries

Evelyn Carlean Niehaus; 84; Ponchatoula; July 29; survived by her children, Russell Niehaus (Carleen), Debra Crayton (David), and Joseph Niehaus (Michele); grandchildren, Daniel, Jessica, Kera, Gabby, and JJ; and great-grandchildren, Brayden, Jake, Alaina, and Karsyn.

Constance "Connie" Little Saucier; 79; Ponchatoula; July 31; survived by her children, Charles "Chuck" Saucier, Jr., Michael "Mike" Saucier, and Angela Saucier Williams (Rion); grandchildren, Brennan, Dylan, Evan, and Tyler; siblings, Jimmie Little (Claudette) and Joan Basney; and many other family members and friends.

Harvey Allen "Sonny" Jones Jr.; 82; Hammond; August 2; survived by his wife, Marilyn "Jeannie" King Jones; daughter, Brandy Jones McDaniel (Heyward); sons, Jeffrey Jones (Natalie) and Darrell Jones (Michelle); grandchildren, Alexis (Andrew), Kyle, Savannah, Landon (Leighann), Lacey (Kyle), Jared, Mary, Reese, Brayden, Travis, and Tucker; and seven great-grandchildren.

Linda Gayle Rohner; 78; Amite; August 4; survived by her sister-in-law, Joyce Rohner; nieces, Sherri (Stephen), Shanna (Walter), and Jessica (Michael); nephews, Mark (Renie), David, John (Melissa), and James; and numerous great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends.

Kim Ortego; 64; Hammond; August 4; survived by her husband, Randy Ortego; children, Kaylie Ortego and Chris Ortego; and grandson, Micah.

Fred Banks; 93; August 4; Arrangements entrusted to MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home.

Angelo Distefano; 77; Hammond; August 5; survived by his wife, Miriam Distefano; cat, Kitty; and numerous cousins.

GUILTY

(FROM PAGE 3)

six-year-old female). While present in the residence, CALLIHAN stabbed Adult Victim 1 more than fifty times, resulting in her death. After killing Adult Victim 1, CALLIHAN kidnapped Minor Victim 1 and Minor Victim 2 using Adult Victim 1's 2012 Chrysler 200 automobile, bearing a Louisiana license plate, and drove to McComb, Mississippi.

CALLIHAN, with Minor Victim 1 and Minor Victim 2 still in the car, then returned to Amite Louisiana, where he picked up Co-Conspirator 1. CALLIHAN then drove Adult Victim 1's car to a residence in Jackson, Mississippi located in the 3900 block of Boozier Drive.

On either the evening of June 12, 2024, or early on June 13, 2024, CALLIHAN and Co-Conspirator 1 engaged in sexual battery with Minor Victim 2. CALLIHAN intended that Minor Victim 2 would engage in criminal sexual activity, namely violations of criminal laws of the State of Louisiana, including La. Rev. Stat. 14.81 and La Rev. Stat. 43.1, and the State of Mississippi, including Miss. Code § 97-3-95 and Miss. Code § 97-5-23, at the time he transported Minor Victim 1 and Minor Victim 2 from Louisiana to Mississippi.

Thereafter, on June 13, 2024, while at the Boozier Drive property, CALLIHAN purposely suffocated Minor Victim 1 to death by holding Minor Victim 1 closely against his chest.

Later on June 13, 2024, after Adult Victim 1's body was discovered, federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities began an investigation. The investigation determined the location of both CALLIHAN and Adult Victim 1's car. A search of the Boozier Drive property led to the discovery of a pit on the property. Law enforcement officers discovered Minor Victim 1's body and Minor Victim 2 in the pit.

After being taken into custody and waiving his Miranda rights, CALLIHAN admitted to stabbing Adult Victim 1 to death and kidnapping Minor Victim 1 and Minor Victim 2 in Adult Victim 1's vehicle. CALLIHAN further admitted that he and Co-Conspirator 1 transported Minor Victim 1 and Minor Victim 2 to Mississippi, where he and Co-Conspirator 1 committed sexual battery on Minor Victim 2, and he smothered Minor Victim 1 to death. CALLIHAN's admission that he and Co-Conspirator 1 committed sexual battery on Minor Victim 2 was corroborated in a voluntary, post-Miranda statement Co-Conspirator 1 made to law enforcement authorities.

As part of the resolution of this matter, the Government has agreed that should the Court accept the defendant's plea of guilty to the Superseding Indictment, the Government will not seek the death penalty with regard to Count One. Consequently, for Count One, CALLIHAN faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison, up to a $250,000 fine, and a $100 mandatory special assessment fee. For Count Two, CALLIHAN faces a mandatory minimum of (10) ten years in prison, and up to life in prison, up to a $250,000 fine, and a $100 mandatory special assessment fee. For each count, CALLIHAN also faces at least (5) five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and the obligation to register as a sex offender.

Sentencing before Judge Africk has been scheduled for November 19, 2025. Under the terms of the plea agreement, the sentence for Count One may run either concurrent or consecutive to the sentence imposed for Count Two. Further, any sentence or portion thereof may run either concurrent or consecutive to any sentence imposed in any other jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, the 21st Judicial District Court (Louisiana), State of Louisiana v. Callihan, Case No. 2401198, and Hinds County (Mississippi) Circuit Court, State of Mississippi v. Callihan, Case No. 24-466. The terms of CALLIHAN's plea are not contingent upon the disposition of any case or sentence imposed in any matter pending in any other jurisdiction. Acting U.S. Attorney Simpson praised the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in investigating this matter and expressed appreciation for the great support provided by the United States Marshals Service, the Tangipahoa Sheriff's Office, the Tangipahoa Parish District Attorney's Office, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, and the Jackson (Mississippi) Police Department. Acting U.S. Attorney Simpson also commended the exceptional work of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana Victim/Witness Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys Jordan Ginsberg, Chief of the Public Integrity Unit, and Sarah Dawkins, of the Violent Crime Unit, are in charge of the prosecution.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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Campus Corner

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The regular season starts for the Southeastern football, soccer and volleyball teams are just around the corner, but it was basketball making news early this week when the Lions and Lady Lions released their schedules for the 2025-26 season.

On Tuesday, first year women's coach Jeff Dow's slate of games was released. The 29-game slate includes 22 games in the Southland Conference and four matchups with Power Four competition.

Before the November 3 regular season tipoff, the Lady Lions will host Milsaps in an October 28 exhibition. Things get started the next week when Centenary College pays a visit to the University Center to get things started for real.

After that, SLU faces a BRUTAL non-league schedule, starting on November 6 in Baton Rouge against Kim Mulkey's LSU lady tigers. One week later, it's a second trip to a Southeastern Conference foe, when they travel to Fayetteville to take on Arkansas. The third straight road game happens on November 18 against Southern Miss of the Sun Belt Conference.

The road trip ends four days later in an EXTREMELY early SLC opener against the Lady Lions, East Texas A&M. After Thanksgiving, it's the first trip to the Lone Star state; this one happens on December 3 at Baylor.

That's followed by back-to-back Southland games against Northwestern State in the UC on December 7 and then on the road at Houston Christian on the 12th. A visit to Memphis on the 20th and a game at the University of Texas – the third SEC squad, wrap up the non-conference schedule.

Southeastern will spend New Year's Eve in the Alamo City in a place that Coach Dow knows very well, Incarnate Word. The Oregon alum led the Lady Cardinals for seven years, including the school's first trip to the NCAA tournament before taking the Southeastern job in March.

Three games later, his current squad does battle with his predecessor in Lake Charles when the Lady Lions take on the McNeese Cowgirls, who are under the guidance of former Southeastern head coach and Hammond native, Ayla Guzzardo. A week and a half later, she makes her return to the University Center.

As for the men, coach David Kiefer's troops start off the season with four straight road games – three of them against P-4 teams in a schedule released the next day. With no exhibitions, the Lions jump right in – and in the deep end – on the road at Ole Miss on November 3.

Game two is at UL-Lafayette of the SBC on the 7th. Then, like the ladies, it's more of the big boys, starting at Georgia Tech or the Atlantic Coast Conference on the 10th and a return trip to the Magnolia State to take on Mississippi State on the 15th before the home opener on November 19 against William Carey.

Over Thanksgiving week, the Lions travel to Wilmington, NC, to take part in the Live Oak Bank Holiday Classic. The four-day, three game event includes the host UNC-Wilmington, Gardner Webb, and The Naval Academy.

Southland Play starts on December 7 in the late game of a doubleheader against Northwestern State in Hammond, followed by two more league games, at HCU on the 13th and at home ET-A&M two days later. The non-conference slate wraps up on the 19th in Baton Rouge against LSU.

From there, it's all Southland play. A full rundown of the league games can be found online and lionsports.net.

The SLU hoops teams both look to finish in the SLC's top eight to earn berths in the conference tournament held in Lake Charles in March. The men's side starts on the 8th and wraps up on the 11th, while the women's is from the 10th until the title game on the 13th.

We have a while to wait before seeing the hoops teams, but the fall sports are right around the corner. Coach Nathan Gillespie's Lady Lion soccer team hosts ULL on Sunday evening in an exhibition match, kicking off in Strawberry Stadium at 6. The regular season opener begins next Thursday at 5 at UL-Monroe.

First-year skipper Lee McBribe's volleyball team start their quest for their third straight Southland crowd late this month. We'll get a sneak-peak on August 21 in the Green-Gold Game.

Eight days later, the Lady Lions host the Southeastern Showdown. The two-day, four-team event includes ULM, Jackson State and Louisiana Tech.

Speaking of Tech, Coach Frank Scelfo's Lion football team will make their season debut in Ruston against the Bulldogs. You can read up on these and all things Southeastern Athletics in the virtual online den, lionsports.net.

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CHOCOLATE

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Companies, expressed deep respect for the management history of Elmer Chocolate. He noted that the company's commitment to quality, its deep regional roots, and its state-of-the-art facility make it a perfect fit within Hoffmann's broader vision.

Elmer's Ponchatoula production plant, a 400,000-square-foot facility, is considered one of the most advanced chocolate manufacturing sites in the U.S. A major expansion in 2016 further enhanced its capabilities, positioning the company to scale efficiently and introduce new product lines.

The acquisition of Elmer by Hoffman was facilitated by Clayton Jones, Executive Vice President of Business Development at Hoffmann, with legal counsel provided by Berger Cohen & Brandt and support from FORVIS. Elmer Chocolate was advised by NextGen Capital Markets throughout the transaction.

While financial details of the deal remain confidential, both companies have expressed optimism about the future. For Elmer Chocolate, this strategic partnership not only secures its continued legacy but also opens the door to innovation and expansion into a broader confectionery market. As the company looks ahead, it remains committed to the flavors, memories, and traditions that have defined it for nearly 170 years.

TVFC Holiday Ideas Workshop & Bingo Event

By Pam Villagran, TVFC Reporter

(Courtesy Photo)

L to R: Gwen Domiano, Susan Melancon, Donna Bouterie, Jean Johnson

Tangipahoa Volunteers for Family and Community (TVFC) members have been busy this summer holding craft workshops in their homes to make holiday themed craft items to sell at their annual fundraiser next month. Their Holiday Ideas Workshop & Bingo event will be on September 23, 2025, from 9:00am until 2:00pm. It will be at The Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1702 Pecan Court, Ponchatoula.

The event is open to the public, and activities will include Bingo, Parade of Prizes, raffles, and hands-on craft activities and demonstrations. All proceeds will go to fund the club's many ongoing charitable projects for 2025 and 2026, which are geared towards helping the needy communities in Tangipahoa Parish.

For further info call club president Gloria Messenger at 419-348-9674 or event chairperson Gwen Domiano at 985-687-4229.

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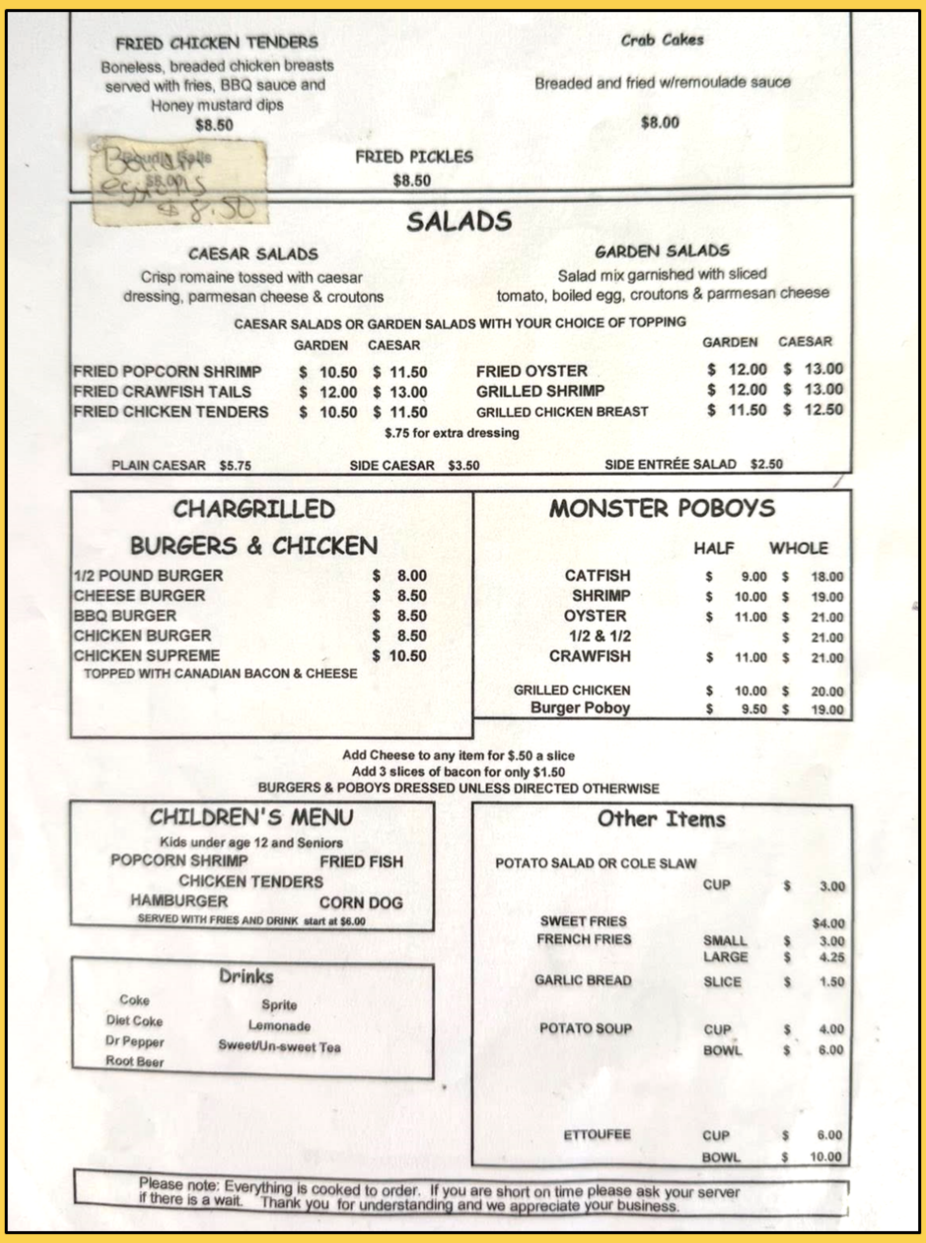

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